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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 27 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m. 4427th meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation concerning Western Sahara

   Letter dated 12 November 2001 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2001/1067)

Morning* 4428th meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Middle East

   Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (S/2001/1079)

Morning** 4429th meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

   International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States, between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1994

3.30 p.m. 4430th meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)

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* To be held following the adjournment of the 4427th meeting.

** To be held following the adjournment of the 4428th meeting.

UNITED NATIONS MONITORING, VERIFICATION AND INSPECTION COMMISSION (UNMOVIC)

Seventh plenary meeting

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	64th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [34]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/276 and Add.1)

(b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.9)

3 p.m.	65th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/384 and Corr.1) [20]

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/95, A/56/307)

(ii) Note by the Secretary-General (A/55/649)

(iii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.14)

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/158, A/56/264, A/56/269, A/56/338, A/56/361, A/56/389, A/56/412, A/56/470 and A/56/632)

(ii) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.15, A/56/L.16)

(c) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/447)

(d) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/308)

(e) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/123 and Corr.1)

2. Oceans and the law of the sea [30]

(a) Oceans and the law of the sea

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/58 and Add.1)

(ii) Report on the work of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its second meeting (A/56/121)

(iii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.17)

(b) Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/357)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.18)

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	50th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.	51st meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.70, L.72, L.73 and L.74

2. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.53, L.59, L.60-L.63 and L.69

3. Human Rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.50, L.57 and L.58

4. Right of peoples to self-determination [118]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.31 and programme budget implication contained in A/C.3/56/L.77

5. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.41-L.49, L.51, L.52 and L.66

6. Human Rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.54

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (Pattern of conferences: All outstanding issues (A/56/32, A/56/120/Rev.1, A/56/133, A/56/188, A/56/213 and Corr.1, A/56/261, A/56/277, A/56/293, A/56/299, A/56/300, A/56/339, A/AC.198/2001/8 and A/56/475))

2 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 122 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001) and 133 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations): Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly: Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.23 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects) (A/C.5/55/46 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and A/56/478)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Draft reports

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 39
(Towards global partnerships)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships), organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), will be held *today*, 27 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 27 November 2001, there will be meetings of interested delegations on the following draft proposals:

Conference Room C: A/C.2/56/L.11 (item 98 (a)), 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room C-209B: A/C.2/56/L.10 (item 98), 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room D: A/C.2/56/L.15 (item 98 (b)), from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.;

Conference Room B: A/C.2/56/L.13 (item 99 (a)), 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room 2: A/C.2/56/L.5 (item 103), 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and

Conference Room C-209B: A/C.2/56/L.8 (item 98 (g)), 4:30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for these consultations.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations on agenda item 113

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and the full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and of the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly", chaired by Mr. Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, will be held *today*, 27 November 2001, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 27 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 27 November 2001

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on draft resolutions on globalization, debt, financing for development and trade)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
1.30 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 117 (Elimination of racism and racial discrimination))

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked countries)

2.45 p.m. - 3.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

ASIAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 102 (Implementation of the Habitat Agenda and outcome of the special session of the General Assembly on this topic))

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

BRIEFING ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Third Committee) today*, 27 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room B.

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There will be a meeting of the Core Group of the Group of 77 on the draft resolution on the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme under agenda item 98 (Environment and sustainable development), organized by the delegation of Kenya, *today*, 27 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be a meeting of the African Group of the Least Developed Countries, organized by the delegation of Benin, *today*, 27 November 2001, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Global Peace, Security and Tolerance Post-September 11: New Solutions Involving Children and Youth", co-sponsored by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Children and Armed Conflict and the United Nations Children's Fund, *today*, 27 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in the conference room of the 23rd floor of the DC2 Building. Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, Director, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and a representative of the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, will be among the speakers. The discussion will be moderated by Mr. Josephus Theunissen, Chief of the Programme on Youth, Social Integration Branch of the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For more information please contact Ms. Kirsten Hagon (tel.: (212) 351-6677).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 28 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	To be announced

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	52nd meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	53rd meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	30th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
2 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 30th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Thursday, 29 November 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, 29 November 2001, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.

All Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies and observers are invited to attend. Messages of solidarity may be sent to room S-3350 (tel.: (212) 963-5172).

Screening of films

Also in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of two video-films entitled "Gaza Under Siege" and "Mahmoud Darwish: As the Land is the Language". Both films will be shown on Thursday, 29 November, at 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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In accordance with resolution 55/75, adopted by the General Assembly on 4 December 2000, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2002 Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene for the first time in Geneva on Friday, 3 December 2001, at 3 p.m. in Room XVII at the Palais des Nations.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia will hold its 8th (closed) meeting* on Wednesday, 28 November 2001, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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* The Chairman of the Committee will give an oral briefing to interested Member States of the United Nations in the same room, immediately following the adjournment of the meeting.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (4-15 March 2002). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Eradicating poverty, including through the empowerment of women throughout their life cycle in a globalizing world; and (2) Environmental management and mitigation of natural disasters: a gender perspective. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1259), no later than Friday, 7 December 2001.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Gabriela Martinic (Argentina), Chairperson of Working Group II dealing with agenda item 5 (Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms) of the Disarmament Commission, would like to remind all delegations that the Working Group requested her to gather information on documents and meetings on existing confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms, to be provided by the delegations, preferably by 1 December 2001, on the understanding that they might submit further information at a later stage (tel.: (212) 688-6300, extension 226; fax: (212) 980-8395).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Second Committee)* on Wednesday, 28 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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Briefing

The Chairman of the United Nations Forum on Forests, Mr. Knut Øistad (Norway), will hold a briefing on preparations for the second session of the Forum, to be held in Costa Rica from 4 to 15 March 2002. The briefing will take place on Wednesday, 28 November 2001, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 9. Members of permanent missions and representatives of United Nations agencies are invited to attend.

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Briefing

There will be a briefing on the Microcredit Summit+5, to be held in November 2002 in New York, organized by the delegation of Bangladesh, on Wednesday, 28 November 2001, from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), will be among the participants. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Towards Empowered Development: Shifting the Frontiers", organized by the World Bank, on Thursday, 29 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. Mats Karlsson, World Bank Vice-President for External Affairs and United Nations Affairs, will be the speaker. For more information, please contact the Office of the World Bank (tel.: (212) 986-8306).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the annual Campus on Public-Private Partnership for Development of Infrastructure and Social Services. The campus, to be conducted in English, will be held in New York from Tuesday to Friday, 4 to 7 December 2001, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Thursday, 1 November 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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A Web site of the Presidency of the Security Council has been established with effect on Thursday, 1 November 2001 and can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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The English, French and Spanish Web sites of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373; http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373; and http://www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 26 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

62nd plenary meeting

Tribute to the memory of His Majesty Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah, late King of Malaysia

The General Assembly observed one minute of silence.

Statements were made by the representatives of Uganda (on behalf of the African States), the Syrian Arab Republic (on behalf of the Asian States), Hungary (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Iceland (on behalf of the Western European and other States), Uruguay (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), the United States (as host country) and Malaysia.

Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the eighth annual report of the International Tribunal (A/56/352) [50]

The General Assembly took note of the eighth annual report of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

The President of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway, Malaysia, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Yugoslavia, Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 50.

Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the sixth annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal (A/56/351 and Corr.1) [51]

The General Assembly took note of the sixth annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

The President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey) and Malaysia; H.E. Mr. Jean de Dieu Mucyo, Minister of Justice of Rwanda; and the representative of Norway.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 51.

Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [45]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of agenda item 45 and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-seventh session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 45.

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/625)

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/56/625), appointed the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on the Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2002: Mr. Michiel Crom (Netherlands), Ms. Nazareth Incera (Costa Rica), Mr. Rajat Saha (India), Ms. Sun Minqin (China), Mr. Juichi Takahara (Japan) and Mr. Nicholas Thorne (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/626)

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/56/626), appointed the following persons as members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2002: Mr. Henry Siegfried Fox (Australia), Mr. Bernardo Greivier (Uruguay), Mr. Hassan Mohammed Hassan (Nigeria), Mr. Eduardo Iglesias (Argentina), Mr. Omar Kadiri (Morocco) and Mr. Eduardo Manuel da Fonseca Fernandes Ramos (Portugal).

(c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/627)

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/56/627), appointed the Chairman of the Commission of Audit of the Philippines as a member of the United Nations Board of Auditors for a six-year term of office beginning on 1 July 2002.

(d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/628)

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/56/628), confirmed the appointment by the Secretary-General of the following persons as members of the Investment Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2002: Mr. Emmanuel Noi Omaboe (Ghana), Mr. Yves Oltramare (Switzerland) and Mr. Jürgen Reimnitz (Germany).

(f) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/629)

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/56/629), appointed the following persons as members of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2002: Mr. Minoru Endo (Japan), Mr. João Augusto de Medicis (Brazil), Mr. Mario Bettati (France), Ms. Lucretia Myers (United States of America) and Mr. Alexis Stephanou (Greece).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 17.

63rd meeting

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/384 and Corr.1) [20]

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations:

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/95, A/56/307)

(ii) Note by the Secretary-General (A/55/649)

(iii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.14)

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions:

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/158, A/56/264, A/56/269, A/56/338, A/56/361, A/56/389, A/55/412, A/56/470 and A/56/632)

(ii) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.15, L.16)

(c) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/447)

(d) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/308)

(e) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/123 and Corr.1)

The General Assembly decided to hear the observer of Switzerland in the debate on agenda item 20.

The representative of Greece made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.14.

The representative of Turkey made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.14.

The representative of Tajikistan made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/56/L.15.

The representative of the Bahamas (on behalf of the Caribbean Community) made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.16.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Norway, Egypt, Japan, India, Ukraine, China, the United States, Brazil, Argentina, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Panama (on behalf of Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua) and Canada.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 31st meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(a) Trade and development

The Committee began its consideration of sub-item 95 (a).

The President of the forty-eight session of the Trade and Development Board and Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations Office at Geneva, made an introductory statement.

The Special Coordinator for Africa, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and the Officer-in-Charge, New York Liaison Office of UNCTAD, made introductory statements.

The Senior Officer, Division for Public Economics and Public Administration, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, also made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of the Land-locked Developing Countries) and Nepal.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of sub-item 95 (a).

Globalization and interdependence [105]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 105.

High-Level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development [107]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Rapporteur of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of item 107.

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [101]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.29

The representative of Egypt introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Djibouti.

The Committee was informed that Denmark was not a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

Deadline for submission of draft proposals

The Chairperson informed the Committee that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 95 (a), 95 (b), 95 (d), 104, 105 and 107 would be on Tuesday, 27 November 2001, at 6 p.m.

Organization of work

The Chairperson reminded the Committee that the general discussion of sub-item 98 (f) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind) would be held on Wednesday, 28 November, in the morning.

THIRD COMMITTEE 49th meeting

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.40

The representative of Suriname, also on behalf of Haiti as well as Cameroon and the Democratic Republic of the Congo introduced the draft resolution. Costa Rica and Kenya joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.51

The representative of Ireland, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as Malta, Mauritius, Tunisia and the United States of America, introduced the draft resolution. Afghanistan, Armenia, Suriname and Uruguay joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.52

The representative of India, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Norway, New Zealand, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Thailand and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, introduced the draft resolution. Afghanistan, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Ireland, Italy, Mauritius, Panama, Suriname and Turkey joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.66

The representative of Australia, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Botswana, the Dominican Republic, Fiji, Finland, Haiti, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Malta, Mongolia, Morocco, Panama, Sierra Leone, Suriname, Thailand and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, introduced the draft resolution. The Congo, Kazakhstan, Somalia, the United Republic of Tanzania and Uruguay joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.45

The representative of the United States, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Bulgaria, Iceland and Malta, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution. Subsequently, Lithuania and Panama joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that, under agenda item 110 (Crime prevention and criminal justice), the Third Committee would report to the Plenary on its consideration of the item and propose that the General Assembly keep item 110 open pending action on two additional draft resolutions by the Economic and Social Council.

The Chairman responded to a question by the representative of India.

The Committee was also informed that consideration of agenda item 117 (Elimination of racism and racial discrimination) would be further delayed as the consultations in Geneva on the results of the Conference against Racism had not yet been concluded.

The Chairman also informed the Committee of the views of the Bureau on the continuing difficulties for the Committee's consideration of item 117 at this stage of its work. He stated that the Bureau would report further, following consultations with regional groups, on the remaining options for the Committee's deliberation.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 29th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Safety and security of United Nations personnel

The United Nations Security Coordinator introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/56/469 and Corr.1).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/56/619).

The representative of the United States made a statement.

Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [134]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

The Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/56/431 and Corr.1.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/56/510 and Corr.1).

Statements were made by the representatives of Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic, Israel and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Director of the Peacekeeping Financing Division replied to questions raised.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone [141]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/56/487.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/56/621).

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Cuba and the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Chairman also made a statement.

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Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [3]

Follow-up to the day of general discussion on article 15.1 (c)

The Committee adopted a statement on intellectual property and human rights.

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Corrigendum to the summary of the Committee (see *Journal* No. 2001/229, p. 11): on Friday, 23 November, the Committee held two meetings (77th and 78th meetings).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special tribute

There will be special tribute to the memory of Mr. Ismat T. Kittani, former President of the General Assembly, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and senior Iraqi diplomat, on Tuesday, 4 December 2001, at 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, with the participation of the Secretary-General. All attending are kindly requested to be seated in the Chamber by 11.45 a.m

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